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**Supplemental
Notice of Allowability**

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09/652,478

Examiner

KIEU-OANH T. BUI

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 12/01/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-116.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows: (Due to a common practice in the US patent procedures).

IN THE CLAIMS:

In claim 10, line 1 - - please delete- - claims 6, 7, 8, or 9- - and replace with - - claim 5- - .

In claim 26, line 1 - - please delete- - claims 4, 11, or 12- - and replace with - - claim 1--.

In claim 51, line 1 - - please delete - claims ... or 41- - and replace with - - claim 40--.

In claim 61, line 1 - - please delete- - claims 57, 58, 59, or 60- - and replace with- - claim 56--.

In claim 68, line 1 - - please delete- - claims 55, 62, or 63- - and replace with- - claim 52--.

In claim 77, line 1 - - please delete- - claims 55, 62, or 63- - and replace with- - claim 52--.

In claim 102, line 1 - - please delete- - claims...or 91- - and replace with- - claim 90--.



KIEU-LAN BUI
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-116 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1 and 52, the prior art of record to Hawkins and Abecassis either alone or combination fails to teach or suggest a system and its corresponding method for delivering customized linear video programming to each of a plurality of individual viewers, **wherein the linear video program is constructed from a set of programming segments, received from at least two different simultaneous programming streams to have a content unrelated to each other, and when assembled, creating a linear programming; and segments of each stream in alternative forms, i.e., different segment having different content maybe substituted into the video flow in accordance of the viewing, demographic, or other preferences of the viewer. Segments of each stream are chosen for assembly in such a manner to provide apparently linear programming without regard to a characteristic length of any one segment.**

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

3. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Krista Kieu-Oanh Bui whose telephone number is (571) 272-7291. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 7:00 PM, with alternate Fridays off.

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